Steps to check population Growth

1147. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state the concrete and meaningful steps Government propose to take to invoke the cooperation of the people of the country including Muslims in checking the growth of population of the country to avoid foodgrain shortage in the next few years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) Multi Media Information, Education and Communication strategies have been developed to create positive opinions and to increase acceptance of the Family Planning services. In major States, Opinion Leaders are being sensitized for participation in the Family Welfare Programme. IEC material has also been developed for specific segments of the population.

Medical care to Central Government Employees

1148. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have failed in providing an efficient and meaningful medical care and service to the Central Government employees in the country in that the Government servants are made to incur the expenditure for the tereatment first and then to get them reimbursed later;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to withdraw the revised procedure;

(c) whether there are small clinics provided in Government colonies like R. K. Puram, New Delhi for pathological tests like blood, urine, stool etc. and these clinics do not provide an efficient and quick service and the beneficiaries have to wait for number of days for the tests and the same is true to other hospital like Safdarjung Hospital.

(d) whether a demand is continued to be made for a number of years for the establishment of polyclinics in Government colonies like R. K. Puram for the benefit of the beneficiaries;

(e) if so, the reasons for overlooking the genuine need, requirement and demand of the Government servants and the steps taken to immediately position a polyclinic in R. K. Puram; and

(f) the steps taken to augment the resources in the existing clinic in R. K. Puram to save the time in waiting till a fullfledged polyclinic is sanctioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. This scheme is most sought after by the employees of other organisations also for medical care.

Though in some cases relating to treatment in Government referral/private hospitals recognised under CGHS the Central Government servants have to incur the expenditure first, but in order to mitigate their difficulties, they have been made eligible to draw medical advance from their respective Ministries/Departments to the extent of 80 per cent of the estimate given by the hospital.

(c) Pathological tests are being provided daily an Maternity and Gynae Hospital, R. K. Puram for maternity and Gynae cases and at CGHS dispensary, R. K. Puram-III for all purposes. However, biochemical tests like blood sugar, blood urea and serum cholesterol are done on selected days.

The test reports are made available in a day or two depending unon the time involvled in carrying out such tests. This is also applicable in the case of Safdarjung Hospital.

(d) to (f) At present there is no proposal for opening of polyclinic in Government colonies like R. K. Puram due